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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION
REACHED AT BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE.

REFERENCES: (A) STATE 186923; (B) PORT OF SPAIN 2212

1. FOLLOWING PER REF B IS TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE DELIVERED
TODAY TO MINEXTAFF PERM SEC BALLAH ON ABOVE SUBJECT.
GERMAN AMBASSADOR HERE, WHILE HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY
INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN REGARDING AN APPROACH TO GOTT,
AGREED WITH THE PROCEDURE ON MY PART.

2. REPORT OF ANTICIPATED FOLLOW-ON DISCUSSION WITH BALLAH
AND/OR OTHER GOTT OFFICIALS ON THIS MATTER WILL BE PRO-
VIDED.

3. BEGIN TEXT. AS THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
IS AWARE, THE HEADS OF STATE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BONN
ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE ADDRESSED THE SERIOUS ISSUE OF
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND AGREED TO INTENSIFY JOINT EF-
FORTS TO COMBAT IT. TO THAT END THEY RESOLVED TO WITHHOLD
AIR SERVICE TO AND DENY AIR SERVICE FROM COUNTRIES WHICH
REFUSE TO PROSECUTE OR EXTRADITE AIRCRAFT HIJACKERS AND/OR
DO NOT RETURN HIJACKED AIRCRAFT. THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-
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MENT SEEKS THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO, A PARTY TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION, WITH REGARD TO
THESE SANCTIONS PROCEDURES, AND WOULD WELCOME A PUBLIC
EXPRESSION OF SUCH SUPPORT.

FOR ITS PART, THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE
BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECALRATION IS OF HIGH AND IMMEDIATE

PRIORITY. THE DECLARATION IS CONSIDERED TO BE A MAJOR
STEP FORWARD TOWARD THE ELIMINATION OF AIRCRAFT HIJACKINGS.

THE 1970 HAGUE ANTI-HIJACKING CONVENTION, TO WHICH 92
NATIONS ARE PARTIES, CALLS FOR THE PROSECUTION OR EXTRADI-
TION OF THOSE WHO UNLAWFULLY SEIZE CIVIL AIRCRAFT OR EX-
ERCISE CONTROL THEREOF BY FORCE OR THE THREAT OF FORCE.
THE BONN DECLARATION BACKS THE HAGUE CONVENTION WITH SANC-
TIONS AS FAR, PRESENTLY, AS THE SEVEN BONN SUMMIT PARTICI-
PANT COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED. THE PURPOSE IS TO CONTRIBUTE
TO MAKING THE CONVENTION A MORE EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR COM-
BATTING THREATS TO THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF INTERNATIONAL
AIR TRAVELLERS. O'MAHONY

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